

HCS HB 1106 -- COUNTY COLLECTORS AND COLLECTOR-TREASURERS

SPONSOR: Dugger

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 10 to 0.

This substitute changes the laws regarding county collectors and collector-treasurers except in a county with a charter form of government. In its main provisions, the substitute:

(1) Requires a county collector or collector-treasurer to reside in the county from which he or she was elected throughout his or her term of office (Sections 52.010.1 and 54.330.1);

(2) Requires a candidate for county collector or collector-treasurer to be at least 21 years of age, a resident of the county for at least one year prior to the date of filing, and a registered voter and to have paid all state income taxes and personal and real property taxes. The candidate must present the election authority with a copy of a signed affidavit from a surety company authorized to do business in Missouri indicating that the candidate meets the statutory bond requirements of the office (Sections 52.010.2, 52.010.3, and 54.330.1);

(3) Allows an exception for a county having a township form of government with an office of collector-treasurer from the requirement that the county commission appoint a deputy treasurer or a qualified person to serve as an interim treasurer in the event of a vacancy. Currently, only a county with a charter form of government is allowed this exemption (Section 54.033); and

(4) Specifies that the county collector-treasurer in a county having township organization will have the sole authority to appoint deputies under Section 52.300 (Section 54.330.2).

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will help make county collector requirements consistent by requiring them to provide proof of age and the ability to meet bonding requirements. The bill will prevent instances where a collector must resign because he or she is not bondable.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Dugger; and Missouri Association of County Clerks and Election Authorities.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.